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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 878

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. David Brown Parrish
for a lifetime of Community Service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those persons who through their personal efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. David Brown Parrish, who is deserving of recognition for his lifelong commitment to his community, his state, and his nation; and

WHEREAS, a 1939 recipient of the American Legion medal, Mr. Parrish has served his country well; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Gallatin High School in 1944, he joined the U.S. Army and served in the Pacific as a medic, for which honorable service he holds the Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, David furthered his education at Peabody University, gaining both his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees, which prepared him for a 36-year career in the Metro School System; and

WHEREAS, having successfully touched the lives of many children in his 36 years of teaching Social Studies, Mr. Parrish has been selected as Teacher of the Year for Social

Studies five times; he has also served as a stalwart member, and as president, of both the Metro Social Studies Teachers Association and the Sumner County Retired Teachers Association; and

WHEREAS, David Brown Parrish is a paragon of excellence in teaching; he taught for three years in Nuremberg, Germany, and performed so majestically that he was named Honorary Citizen of Nuremberg; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with the Advisory Board for Community Enhancement-Youth Alive and Free!, David Brown Parrish still finds time to lend his remarkable talents to various notable causes, such as volunteering for "Meals on Wheels," the Sumner Regional Medical Center, Ramsey Hospice, and as a mentor for the Vera-Stewart School; and

WHEREAS, he presently serves on the steering committee for "Keep Gallatin Beautiful," and is a member of the Gallatin Beer Board, the Historical Society, the Wynnwood Association, the "Christian Towers" and "The Manor" Boards of Directors, as well as a member and First President of the Gallatin Arts Council; and

WHEREAS, he has served with absolute and unwavering dedication as Director of the Nashville Institute of Art, as a member of the Board of Directors at the Greater Nashville Area Agency on Aging, as a member of the United Way Board of Directors, as Chairman and member of the Board of Directors at the Ruth P. Carter Senior Citizens Center, as Chairman of the Sumner County Museum Association's Board of Trustees, as Ambassador and Director of the Gallatin Chamber of Commerce, and as President and Secretary of Gallatin Cares; and

WHEREAS, David Parrish epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, he demonstrates his devout religious faith as a member of the Gallatin Church of Christ where he serves his Lord and Savior as a Sunday School Teacher and Church Historian; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parrish is most grateful for the love and encouragement he shares with his many friends and family; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud David Parrish for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. David Brown Parrish for his service to the state of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.